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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: THREAT TO LIFE OF EMBASSY GEORGETOWN DCM

1. NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO BARBADOS E.O. KOLADE (RESIDENT PORT OF SPAIN) TOLD ME CONFIDENTIALLY EARLY A.M. TODAY (FEB. 9) IN GRENADA THAT HE HAD LEARNED OF A POTENTIAL THREAT TO LIFE OF EMBASSY GEORGETOWN DCM. ACCORDING TO KOLADE, IN GUYANA, DCM IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO BE CIA STATION CHIEF AND, FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF RICHARD WELCH IN ATHENS, HE, TOO, WAS MARKED FOR DEATH (BY WHOM, KOLADE DID NOT SAY). KOLADE ADDED THAT DCM WAS SPARED ONLY BECAUSE HE IS BLACK.

2. COMMENT: ASSUMING THAT KOLADE MEANT DCM WADE MATTHEWS, AND NOT ANOTHER FSO AT GEORGETOWN, HIS INACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF MATTHEW'S RACE OBVIOUSLY RAISES QUESTIONS AS TO ACCURACY OF REPORT AS A WHOLE. NEVERTHELESS, I THOUGHT DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY GEORGETOWN SHOULD BE INFORMED SO THAT ALL DUE PRECAUTIONS MAY BE TAKEN.
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